GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT LANGUAGE
CHINMAYANAND

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds likely to be spent on promotion of Sanskrit language during Tenth Plan;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce Sanskrit as a compulsory subject in schools ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA]

(a) The Government of India, Ministryof Human Resource Developmenthas allocated Rs.150.00 crores during the Tenth Plan for the promotion of Sanskrit Language in the country through its following three agencies/schemes:

i. Development of Sanskrit Education
ii. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi
iii. Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Prathishthan,Ujjain

In addition, funds for the promotion and development of Sanskrit are also provided by the University Grants Commission to two deemed Sanskrit Universities, namely
i) Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapith, Tirupati and ii) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapith, New Delhi andto other Universities that have Sanskrit departments.

Further, various state Governments have their own schemes to promote Sanskrit.

(b) & (c) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal under consideration.